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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK

SUBJ: PAKISTAN REQUEST FOR SURPLUS M-47 TANKS

REF: A) NEW DELHI 9132; B) STATE120445

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY NEW DELHI'S GENERAL APPROACH

TO QUESTION OF DISCLOSURE TO THE INDIANS OF GOP ARMS PURCHASES (REF A). WE DO NOT THINK IT ESSENTIAL TO INFORM THE GOI THAT THE PAKS ARE LOOKING AT A SMALL NUMBER OF RUNDOWN (R-4 CONDITION) US ARMY M-47S IN BELGIUM WITH A VIEW TOWARD USING SOME OF THEM AS BRIDGE LAYERS, BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY NEW DELHI DEEM IT ADVISEABLE.

2. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT IN DISCLOSING THIS INFORMATION TO THE GOI, EMBASSY NEW DELHI MAKE SEVERAL POINTS:

A. NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GOGJ THAT THE PURCHASE OF THE TANKS THE PAKS ARE INSPECTING. THE PAKS UNDERSTAND THAT NO USG APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE WAS IMPLIED IN OUR APPROVAL OF GOP INSPECTION OF THE TANKS.

B. THE PAKS FIRST CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO THEIR INTEREST IN PURCHASING SURPLUS TANKS FOR MOUNTING BRIDGE BUILDING EQUIPMENT LAST YEAR. THEY ARE INSPECTING THESE TANKS IN THE CONTEXT OF THAT INTEREST AND HAVE TOLD US SO. THEY KNOW THAT IF AND WHEN AN AGREEMENT FOR THEIR SALE IS

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THE NON-LETHAL USES FOR WHICH THE TANKS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED.

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